GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Population of Hindus
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of Hindus is continuously decreasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the decline in the recent years; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): Madam; Hindu population in the country has increased in absolute terms from 45,32,92,086 in 1971 to 96,62,57,353 in 2011. However, the share of Hindu Population in the total population has decreased during the period. Year wise total population and Hindu Population during last 5 censuses are given below:
(Population figures in crores)

Year	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
Total population	54.79	66.53	83.86	102.86	121.08
Hindu Population	45.33	54.98	68.76	82.76	96.62
% of Hindu Population	82.7	82.6	82.0	80.5	79.8

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Note-
1971 population excludes population of Sikkim, 1981 population excludes population of Assam, 1991 population excludes population of Jammu & Kashmir, 2001 population excludes population of Mao Maram, Pao Mata and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur, as Census was not conducted in these States / Areas during the respective Census years.

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